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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION.

The A. M. E. Church Leads in His Work—Prof. John R. Hawkins The Creator of this Department of the Church—A Splendid Organization—A Matchless Orator and a Powerful Factor in African Methodism

It was the most remarkable in the history of the Church and no department of the church work attracted more attention than the one represented by Mr. Hawkins. At the opening of the conference the general opinion was that the Department of Education would make some very radical changes. Indeed the Bench of Bishops in their quadrennial address recommended such changes as would virtually destroy the office of a General Secretary and Commissioner and make a mere agency for general travel.

Mr. Hawkins did not think well of this plan and threw himself in the breach to stop the current that threatened to sweep away the office or make it non-effective. He set to work and drafted a bill which provided for a reorganization of the Department of Education placing it on the same footing as all other departments of the Church and giving the General Secretary the full management of his department. In this particular work Mr. Hawkins showed his master mind and ability as a legislator and leader. Step by step he moved forward with his soul fixed on success. His plans and propositions were so outlined as to meet every objection and when the time came to take the final vote on his bill it was made a law with practically no opposition.

The young man had been put to the test and he proved equal to the occasion. All opposition was swept away and he was reelected as General Secretary and Commissioner by acclamation. Since his reelection Mr. Hawkins has set to work in earnest to advance the interest of the schools entrusted to his care. He has set a high standard for all of the 25 schools under his supervision and leaves no stone unturned in his efforts for improvements. Under the new law he has the responsibility of handling and disbursing nearly \$100,000 annually for the support of his Connection—being the treasurer of all of the endowment money, raised throughout the Connection, and too, 8 per cent of all of the dollar money raised.

These honors and responsibilities have not been thrust upon Mr. Hawkins but have been won by his untiring efforts and faithfulness to duty.

He has worked his way to his present position and believes that every man



BISHOP HENRY M. TURNER,

Who was Recently Married to the Widow of the Late Bishop Wayman in the City of Baltimore.

should work himself up. In his native State of North Carolina he is regarded as among the leading educators and safest business men. His headquarters is in connection with Kittrell College, Kittrell, N. C., an institution that has been built up chiefly by his labors, and ranking as one of the leading schools of the South.

Mr. Hawkins has been in great demand as an educator and is universally known and respected as one of our strongest men.

When there was a vacancy in the supervisorship of the schools of Washington, a committee of leading representatives waited on him and asked the use of his name as a candidate for said position, but he modestly declined to do so, preferring to remain in the place to which his church had elected him. Mr. Hawkins has the support and cooperation of all the Bishops of the A. M. E. Connection and is regarded by them as one of their strongest men.

### GENERAL INFORMATION.

The A. M. E. Church is committed to the cause of Education, and the special interest paid to this part of its Church work has brought it prominently before the enlightened world.

The first effort towards the establishment of schools dates from September 21, 1844, when the Ohio Conference of the A. M. E. Church appointed a committee to select a seat for a seminary of learning on the "manual labor plan," and projected what was then called Union Seminary, which was later merged into Wilberforce University, Wilberforce, Ohio, our oldest and leading institution.

In 1876 the General Conference appointed the Rev. J. C. Emby (afterwards Bishop) the first Commissioner or General Agent to look after the special work of Schools, his successor being Rev. B. F. Watson.

In 1884, Education was made a special Department of the Church under

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## GLIMPSSES OF THE OLD WORLD

A Graphic Panorama, Displaying in Vivid Lights the London Convention of the Christian Endeavorers, the Pan-African Conference—A Trip to Shakespeare's Home, and a Survey of the Magnificent Paris Exposition—How we Appear to the World at Large—An Exhibit that Should be Reproduced in America.

(BY BISHOP ALEXANDER WALTERS)  
Mr. E. E. Cooper, Editor The Colored American:

My dear sir,—I arrived in London safe and sound after an unusually smooth voyage of 10 days. The destruction by fire on the 30th of the Saale on which the officers of the United Society of Christian Endeavors were to have sailed on the 3rd of July interfered with our arrangements. It became necessary for me with some other trustees to go to Montreal, Canada, and sail from there. We left Montreal on the slow steamer Vancouver Saturday July 7th. I enjoyed the 9 hours sail up the St. Lawrence river. The scenery along the way is beautiful. We reached the famous city of Quebec at 6:30 p. m. I was delighted with the view from the river of the forts, and of the famous hotel. Chateau Frontenac, the most charming hotel I am told in the world. We next passed through the Gulf of St. Lawrence, took a look at the coast of New Foundland, and finally pushed out into the great Atlantic. To my surprise and great pleasure, I did not get sea sick. My travelling companion Chaplain B. W. Arnett had four days of this dreadful disease. We were treated nicely by all the passengers and officers while on board. The time was spent in daily services on the part of the Endeavorers, and others participated in concerts, etc.

### LONDON CONVENTION.

The International Christian Endeavor convention which was held at Alexandra Palace, London, was a great success. Immense crowds were present daily. On the 1st day more than forty thousand people were present. Some of the most renowned, able and eloquent ministers of the world were present and addressed the meeting. Among them were: His Lordship, the Bishop of London, Dr. Joseph Parker, Hugh Price Hughes, Dr. Charles Sheldon, B. F. Meyers, Floyd Thompson, G. T. Pollock, G. C. Lorimer, and over a hundred others. It was the greatest religious gathering it has ever been my good fortune to witness. I was late in reaching London, but I reached the convention in time to make two